

DAMASI

Captured and Burned by the Greeks in a Desperate Fight.

The Turks Repulsed in Seven Assaults at Revent by the Greeks.

The Situation at Tyravos is Somewhat in Doubt. The Turkish Forces are Still in the Area. The Greeks from the Front at Basil-Severe Artillery Duel.

ATHENS, April 21.—News has just reached here that the Greeks, after a desperate battle, have captured and burned Damasi. Vigils are still being held. Another division of the Greek troops, it is reported, has traversed the Revent pass and captured three block houses. This division has almost reached Damasi, where it will effect a union with the force that captured the town. The 30,000 Greek under Gen. Simenitis displayed the greatest bravery.

Revent is 15 miles northwest of Larissa. Edhem Pasha with a force variously estimated at from 10,000 to 15,000 men, has been in the neighborhood of Revent since that at Milona. The theory all along has been that if the Greeks could establish themselves at Damasi, their road would lie open to Elaioussa.

The exact situation at Tyravos is somewhat in doubt. The news from that point is conflicting. But there is no confirmation of the rumor that the place has been captured by the Turks. What seems to have happened at Tyravos was evacuated in order to send troops forward to Revent and was then recaptured by troops retreating from Milona.

Milona Pass, April 21.—The Turks have just commenced to leave the town of Tyravos. All the roads leading to Larissa are crowded with fugitives shouting, "Revent, don't try conclusions with the Turks."

The Greek divisions in the plain are completely dispersed. Athens, April 21.—A dispatch from Artz says that 3,000 Greeks have crossed the frontier at Basil, and a severe artillery duel has been in progress since Monday. The Greek artillery have silenced the Turkish mortar batteries, commanding the Turkish attempts by the Turks to cross the river were repulsed. There has been brisk artillery and infantry firing along the line for about five miles. Two Greek officers and many Turks have been killed.

Revent, April 21.—The report of the capture of Damasi by the Greeks under Gen. Simenitis is confirmed by a Greek dispatch. The report also states that further heavy breaches have been made in the Turkish fort at Preveza. The bombardment ceased at nightfall, but was resumed Wednesday morning.

The Ironclad Svezia has left the Gulf of Arta to join the Greek fleet, which, it is said, has an important mission.

Athens, April 21.—The news of the capture of Damasi puts a new complexion upon the situation on the frontier, is a great encouragement to the government, and is placed at the most exhilarating effect upon the spirits of the Greeks, who had been greatly depressed by the reverses of their troops at Milona Pass. This success and the fact that the fall of the town has almost virtually offsets the calamity at Milona. If the Greek divisions effect a union at Damasi, as is expected, the situation is almost entirely in their favor.

If Tyravos falls into the hands of Edhem Pasha and the Turkish army sweep down upon the plain and advance to Larissa to meet the force concentrated there under the command of the crown prince, they will be met by the two Greek divisions of the Greek army. This seems to have been the plan of Greek strategy.

Should the Greeks succeed in reducing the forts at Preveza, as now seems probable, and in capturing the town of Janina, which is the base of the Turkish troops in Epirus, the Greek troops in Epirus would be in the most serious disadvantage. The strategic value of Preveza to the Turkish division in Albania is that so long as it remains in the hands of the Turks it makes possible a steady line of ammunition and food supplies. With Preveza in the hands of the Greeks this line would be practically cut, and it would be practically impossible to reinvade Turkey by the long land route through Macedonia.

On the other hand the Greek losses would be reduced to a minimum. It is also announced that King George of Greece leaves Athens for the frontier Tuesday.

Revent, April 21.—There was renewed fighting between the Greeks and Turks in the Milona pass Monday. It was of the most desperate description, but full details are not obtainable here.

The firing ceased at 3 o'clock Monday evening. The fighting was the various engagements in the Milona pass is estimated here at 1,000 killed and wounded.

Over 500 wounded soldiers and officers of the Greek army have arrived at Athens Tuesday. The wounded are being treated in the city.

The losses of the Greeks are declared to be much greater than those of the Greeks.

Athens, April 21.—Fighting between

MASSACRED.

Inmates of a Hospital Slaughtered by the Spaniards.

Every One Inside, Including Two Old Women, Killed.

Patrols Staff Spaniards and the Town of Pinar was Laid to Rest. Cuba is Victory Road to Spain Through Havana's Mismanagement.

NEW YORK, April 21.—A special dispatch to the Sun from Havana says: One of the most shocking illustrations of the savage warfare carried on by the Spaniards in Cuba happened Monday in this province, between the villages of Guanaco and Jesus Maria.

Lieut. Col. Herrera, at the head of a guerrilla force of some 200 men, surprised a Cuban hospital at which about 100 sick and wounded were being treated. Every one inside of the hospital was killed by the Spaniards, who did not even spare two old women who were acting as nurses.

One of the two wounded persons who made their escape by creeping covered with blood as they were, to a neighboring forest, tells of the massacre in a letter addressed to a friend in Havana.

"It was about 11 o'clock in the morning when a shot from our outposts revealed to us the presence of the Spaniards. Believing the place was safe from any attack of the enemy, hidden as it was in the forest, the Cuban detachment of 300 men who guarded us retired from the hospital three days ago to take up only ten men who were left for our protection, and they were poorly armed with old carbines.

They did their best to resist, but the Spaniards surrounded them and hacked them to pieces with their machetes. Ten minutes later they had surrounded us and began to kill the mass of defenseless wounded men and innocent women.

"It is impossible to describe in words the horrible scene. Driven out from their cots, my poor fellow-sufferers fled in the middle of the room and cried in fear for mercy. The Spaniards answered these cries with their machetes, some and thrust their bayonets into the bodies of the others.

HAVANA, VIA KEY WEST, Fla., April 21.—The town of Pinar, in the Matanzas province, was razed to the ground Thursday by a Cuban force of about 300, supposedly under one of the officers from Gen. Lacerda's army. The place was a block house and a barracks for about 80 Spaniards. The Cuban troops entered between the block house and the barracks and killed before the Spaniards were aware of their presence. They were intrinsically in a disreputable but not a town. They sent word to the Spanish officers that they had come there for supplies, and if they were permitted to get them and were allowed to leave they would not attack them, but if the Spanish troops disturbed them they would attack the town and capture and destroy the blockhouses.

This bluff succeeded. The Cuban force looted the town and carried off the church, taking large quantities of supplies. Before leaving they compelled the alcalde of the town to have the Spaniards in the church, where they were ordered to sit down to a feast, to which a large number of persons were invited. After remaining in the town for six or seven hours without disturbance, the force retired.

Gen. Lacerda, who succeeded Gen. Bernal, has resigned and expects to leave for Spain on the next steamer. He is outspoken in his criticism of the Cuban tactics and says that he is naturally loyal to Spain through Weyler's mismanagement.

IN THE SENATE.
Senator Morgan's Cuban Resolution Discussed—Agricultural Appropriation Bill Passed.

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CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country

The Italian Geographical society has received news of the safety of the Biogo expedition, reported to have been destroyed by the Abyssinians.

It is expected that Capt. Gen. Weyler will soon leave the city of Santa Clara. The weather remains unsettled and rain is falling almost constantly.

About three miles of ice was visible off the port of Buffalo Monday, but the strong wind blew it down the Niagara river and at daybreak only a small streak was left. Nothing was left of the big field Wednesday.

The New York Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that 30 battalions of federal troops massed at Querendiro, and that a strong movement will be made in a short time against Conselheiro's position.

Australia has this year reached the hundred million ounce line in her production of gold; that is she has since 1901 produced that amount of gold and the yield of that precious metal is on the increase. Victoria has produced 41 per cent of this output.

Travel on the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.'s line is badly demoralized. There has been no train from Portland since Saturday. There was no immediate prospect of resumption. A number of bridges are reported washed out between Huntington and Baker City.

Dr. Jefferson D. Goddard, who shot and killed J. J. Jackson at the Woodland hotel, Kansas City, April 2, is quarrel, which grew out of Goddard's alleged intentions to Jackson's wife, was later indicted for murder in the first degree. The date for his trial was not set.

The Chicago Herald-Globe will leave Chicago for New York City Wednesday, and will sail next Saturday for their native land to fight the Turks. At a meeting of the Chicago Greek church these 100 men signed the roll of volunteers. Others will leave before the end of the week.

The Pennsylvania board of pardons Tuesday night recommended commutation of the life sentence imposed upon James B. Gentry for the murder of actress Maggie B. Gentry for imprisonment for life. Gov. Hastings approved the recommendation. Gentry was to have been hanged next Thursday.

Premier Canova, according to the London Standard, has been in London, papers, has said that the government considers it expedient to wait for confirmation of the news as to the pacification of Cuba before establishing the promised reforms. The official press argues from this that the date of putting the reforms into effect will not be remote.

Sheriff Burr, of Los Angeles, Cal., is a prisoner in the custody of the sheriff of Lincoln county, Minn., requesting him to arrest Mrs. Laura Austin on a charge of abducting her own child, who was awarded to the custody of her ex-husband by the superior court of that place. The sheriff has not yet succeeded in locating Mrs. Austin and the child.

A snowslide occurred at the mines of the Consolidated Mining Co., four miles north of Elkhorn City, W. Va., resulting in the death of Fred Wohlhaupter, Ed. Maw and William Turner. The bodies of the three men were recovered by the mine and carried away to the blacksmith shop.

A dispatch to the London Times from London says that the Turkish government has decided to expel all the Greeks from Egypt. As the Greeks number 50,000 and are the chief producers of commerce and trade, their removal is desired by none save the old Turkish party. It is probable that France will endeavor to protect them, and thus the expulsion will be avoided.

Forecast for Wednesday.
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